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MDHHS Stakeholders:

As many of you are already aware, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services released a new rule in 2014 for home and community-based services waivers. The new rule affects 1915 (c) waiver programs. The Department has since developed a statewide transition plan to bring its waiver programs into compliance with the new rule.

MDHHS currently operates the following five programs through 1915 (c) waivers:

- Children's Waiver Program
- Waiver for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances
- MI Choice Program
- Habilitation Supports Waiver
- MI Health Link HCBS Waiver

As part of the transition process, the Department must determine whether settings under these waivers have "home and community-based" characteristics. For this purpose, the Department is developing a set of "survey tools" to assess individual settings for home and community-based characteristics. Michigan's waiver programs will use the survey tools as outlined in the Table 1 in Attachment 1 for this document.

The Department has officially published the following survey tools. Survey tools that have been finalized by the Department can be found on the Department's website at www.michigan.gov/mdch >> Health Care Coverage >> Home and Community-Based Services Program Transition.

- MI Health Link HCBS Waiver
 - Residential Provider Tool
 - Non-Residential Provider Tool
- MI Choice Waiver
 - Residential Provider Tool
 - Non-Residential Provider Tool
- Habilitation Supports Waiver
 - Residential Provider Tool
 - Non-Residential Provider Tool
 - Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan Tool
 - Participant Tool

Individuals and providers should only complete the survey tools if they are contacted by one of the following entities. **The Department will not accept survey tool responses that were completed without a request from one of the following entities.**

- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- A MI Choice Waiver Agent
- An Integrated Care Organization
- A Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan
- The Developmental Disabilities Institute of Wayne State University

If you have questions about the rule or assessment process, send an email to HCBSTransition@michigan.gov. The Department has also published a Frequently Asked Questions document to provide additional information on the transition process. This document can be found on the Department's website at www.michigan.gov/mdch >> Health Care Coverage >> Home and Community-Based Services Program Transition.

Thank you for your continued interest and support for this process.

Home and Community-Based Services Program Transition Team

Enclosure

• **Attachment 1 – Table of 1915 (c) Waivers and Related Survey Tools**

- **Enclosure Key Terms**
- Assessment – The process of using the survey tool to determine the level of compliance of an individual setting.
- Waiver Entity – The organization that is responsible for (1) administering the waiver program and (2) conducting ongoing surveys to assess compliance.
- Lead State Agency – The agency within the State of Michigan government that is responsible for making the final determination on the compliance of individual settings.

Attachment 1 – Table of 1915 (c) Waivers and Related Survey Tools

Waiver Program	Survey Tool(s)	Waiver Entity	Lead State Agency	Assessment Process	Final Date for Compliance
Children's Waiver Program	N/A	Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan	Federal Compliance Section, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration	All settings under this waiver are presumed compliant. The Department will not assess settings under this waiver using the survey tools.	All settings under this waiver are presumed compliant.
Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances Waiver	N/A	Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan	Federal Compliance Section, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration	All settings under this waiver are presumed compliant. The Department will not assess settings under this waiver using the survey tools.	All settings under this waiver are presumed compliant.
Habilitation Supports Waiver	Provider Tool, Participant Tool, Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan Tool	Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan	Federal Compliance Section, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration	Initial Sample: Conducted by the Developmental Disabilities Institute starting on April 13 Ongoing Assessments: Conducted by Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans	September 30, 2018
MI Choice Waiver	Provider Tool	MI Choice Waiver Agent	Home and Community-Based Services Section, Medical Services Administration	Assessments: Conducted by MI Choice Waiver Agents Start Date for Assessments: April 1, 2015	September 30, 2018
MI Health Link HCBS Waiver	Provider Tool	Integrated Care Organization	Integrated Care Division, Medical Services Administration	Assessments: Conducted by Integrated Care Organizations Start Date for Assessments: March 1, 2015	Immediate Compliance